



NOTICE OF 30-DAY PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD
Milliken-Midway Plant
Union, South Carolina

DHEC (the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control) is accepting public comments until June 22, 2011 on a potential Voluntary Cleanup Contract. The Voluntary Cleanup Contract will be between DHEC and Union County, and is identified as VCC 11-6031-NRP.

The Contract will affect approximately 24.21 acres of property located at 256 Midway Drive in Union, South Carolina, that is identified by tax map number 082-00-00-001. The property is developed with a 250,000 square foot manufacturing building that was developed and used by Milliken Company for textile finishing from 1971 to 1994, and then used as a warehouse until 2008 when Milliken closed the facility. There is the potential that past use of chemicals for textile finishing operations may have contaminated soil and groundwater on the Property.

Union County intends to acquire the property to lease it for industrial, commercial or other business uses. If this Voluntary Cleanup Contract is implemented, DHEC will allow Union County to acquire the property as a "Brownfields Site" because of possible environmental pollution on the property. DHEC will not hold Union County responsible for any pre-existing pollution on the Property in exchange for the work that Union County will do under the Voluntary Cleanup Contract. Union County did not create the pollution, but will take steps to control it to keep the property safe for re-use.

Under State law, the Union County will not be responsible if anyone has been affected by the contamination. The Voluntary Cleanup Contract does not reduce the responsibility of past owners of the Property or anyone that may have caused the contamination.

The proposed contract is available at http://www.scdhec.gov/environment/lwm/public_notice.asp. Printed copies may be obtained from the DHEC Freedom of Information Office at (803) 898-3882. Citizens may provide written, email, or telephone comments on the proposed contract until June 22, 2011. Questions or comments may be directed to Angela Gorman, Project Manager, email gormanak@dhec.sc.gov, telephone (803) 896-4121 or TOLL-FREE telephone (866) 576-3432. Written comments should be directed to Angela Gorman at SCDHEC, 2600 Bull Street, Columbia, SC 29201.